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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 13, 18, and 25 are cancelled. Claims 27-31 are added. Claims 1-12, 14-17, 19-24, and 26-30 are now pending, of which claims 1 and 14 are independent. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-17, 19-20, 22-24, and 26 have been amended for clarity and to provide clearer antecedent basis. No new matter has been added. Support for the claim amendments can be found at least at page 1, lines 15-18; page 4, lines 9-17; page 5, lines 20-26; page 6, lines 3-5; page 9, lines 3-5; and FIG. 2 of the Specification. Reconsideration of the action mailed December 30, 2004, is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 12-19, and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,809,512 to Kato ("Kato"). The Examiner rejected claims 7-11 and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0010746 to Jilk et al. ("Jilk").

Section 102 Rejections

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by Kato. Claim 1, as amended, recites an apparatus that includes an HTTP client and a computer executable. The computer executable is operable to be invoked by the HTTP client. The computer executable includes instructions operable to process a file of the first file type, the file having file content. The computer executable also includes a first module and a second module. The first module determines whether the file content includes content of a first content type. The first module performs a first function if the file content includes content of the first content type. The second module determines whether the file content includes content of a second content type. The second module performs a second function different from the first function if the file content includes content of the second content type. The HTTP client is operable to receive files of the first type and files of a second type from a network. The HTTP client invokes the computer executable for processing files of the first type but not files of the second type.

The Examiner states that Kato discloses a first module of a computer executable that determines whether the file content includes content of a first content type and performs a first

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function if the file content includes content of the first content type at col. 9, lines 8-20.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Those lines of Kato read as follows:

a first data service section including first data storage means having stored therein hypertext page data and monomedia data, the monomedia data including scenario reference data corresponding to respective hypervideo clips, the scenario reference data being connected by hyperlinks to the hypertext page data, the scenario reference data including storage location information for respective scenario data files of the hypervideo clips within second data storage means, the first data service section being responsive to externally supplied first data transfer commands for selectively reading out the hypertext page data and scenario reference data.

The quoted section discloses a portion of an information provider apparatus. *See* Abstract; col. 7, lines 39-48. The information provider apparatus allows a user to retrieve multimedia data through hyperlink selection. *See* Abstract; col. 7, lines 39-48. The information provider apparatus includes a first data service section and a second data service section. *See* col. 9, lines 6-8 and 20-22. The first data service section stores hypertext page data and monomedia data. *See* col. 9, lines 8-10. The monomedia data includes stored scenario reference data. *See* col. 9, lines 10-11. The scenario reference data describes the location of the scenario data files (including multimedia data) stored in the second data service section. *See* col. 9, lines 13-15. The hypertext page data is linked to the scenario reference data through hyperlinks. *See* col. 1, lines 27-35; col. 9, lines 12-13. The first data service section receives data transfer commands for providing particular stored hypertext page data and scenario reference data. *See* col. 9, lines 16-19. A user can select and retrieve multimedia data through selection of a hyperlink on a retrieved hyperlink page. *See* col. 7, lines 40-48.

The cited first data service section does not determine whether the file content includes content of a first content type. Additionally, the first data service section does not perform a first function if the file content includes content of the first content type. The first data service section stores data that can be transferred upon receipt of a transfer command. The transfer of files is a function performed based on specifically identified files in the transfer command without regard to the content type of the files. The files are included in the transfer command because they are associated with, for example, one or more hypervideo clips. Not all files in the

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first data service section having a particular content type are transferred in response to a transfer command and furthermore, the files on which the transfer function is performed can include files having more than one content type.

Consequently, the function of transferring files from the first data service section is based on files identified in the transfer command because of their individual content, not the content type of the files. As explained in the previous reply, a type of content is distinct from the particular content of a file. For example, files can have a same content type, such as hypertext page data, while the actual data content within each file can be different (e.g., the content of each file including hypertext page data is different). Kato as a whole fails to disclose or suggest a first module of a computer executable that identifies a content type of a file and performs a first function if the file includes a first content type.

The Examiner also states that Kato discloses the recited second module of claim 1 at col. 9, lines 21-35. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Those lines of Kato read as follows:

a second data service section, including the second data storage means having stored therein data constituting the hypervideo clips, responsive to second data transfer commands for selectively reading out the data, the data of a hypervideo clip consisting of a scenario data file and a plurality of subject matter data files for respective monomedia data items, the monomedia data items including a video clip which has been preassigned as a reference video clip, the scenario data including storage location information for the subject matter data files with respect to the second data storage means and playing information including times of starting playing the contents of respective ones of the subject matter data files other than the reference video clip, the starting times being specified in terms of frame numbers of the reference video clip;

The quoted section discloses a second portion of the information provider apparatus. *See* Abstract; col. 9, lines 6-7 and 20-22. The second data service section stores hypervideo clips. *See* col. 9, lines 20-22. Each hypervideo clip includes a scenario data file and subject matter data files. *See* col. 9, lines 23-26. The scenario data file includes information on the location of the subject matter data and playing information. *See* col. 25, lines 14-16. The subject matter data files contain multimedia content. *See* col. 25, lines 6-28. The multimedia content can be separated into multiple monomedia data files including video, audio, and still picture data files that can be combined to form multimedia content. *See* col. 25, lines 9-13 and lines 29-38.

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Particular hypervideo clips are transferred in response to data transfer commands to be viewed by a particular user. *See* col. 9, lines 21-25.

The cited second data service section does not disclose or suggest determining whether the file content includes content of a second content type. The second data service section does not determine a file content type. Additionally, the second data service section does not disclose or suggest performing a second function different from the first function if the file content includes content of the second content type. As with the first data service section, the only disclosed function performed by the second data service section is the transfer of one or more identified files in response to a transfer command. Thus, the transfer function performed by the second data service section is the same function as the first function performed by the first data service section.

Additionally, the transfer function is not performed based on the content type of the file. As with the first data service section discussed above, the transfer function is performed on one or more particular requested files according to the transfer command regardless of the content type of the files. In transferring files, no distinction is made according the content type of the files. Kato fails to disclose or suggest a second module of a computer executable that identifies a content type of a file and performs a second function different from the a first function if the file includes a second content type.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as well as claims 2-13, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 stands rejected as anticipated by Kato. Claim 2, as amended, recites an apparatus wherein the content of the first content type includes instructions content and the first module executes the instructions content. The Examiner states that Kato discloses the recited feature of claim 2 at FIG. 56. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

FIG. 56 of Kato shows a flow diagram "illustrating the basic operation sequence which is executed for transferring a hypervideo mail item between two client terminals, with the fifteenth embodiment." *See* col. 22, lines 4-7. FIG. 56 describes a process for transmitting a hypervideo mail file from a first user to a second user though a server. *See* FIG. 56; col. 59, line 61 to col.

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60, line 8; col. 61, lines 64-67. The process includes sending a hypermail file from the first user to a first server for the first user. See col. 60, lines 24-40. The first server generates a reference mail item that is sent to a second server for the second user. See FIG. 56; col. 60, lines 24-40. The second user can then access the reference mail item through the second server and then use hyperlinks in the reference mail item to access the hypermail file on the first server. See FIG. 56; col. 60, lines 45-63.

Kato does not disclose the hypermail video file as including instructions content which are executed by a first module of a computer executable. The cited figure of Kato, and Kato as a whole, fail to disclose or suggest a file of a first content type that includes instructions content that is executed by a first module of a computer executable. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2, as well as claims 3-8, which depend from claim 2, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 stands rejected as anticipated by Kato. Claim 14, as amended, recites a method of processing a file. The method includes executing the computer executable upon receipt of the file including determining whether the file content includes content of a first content type and performing a first function if the file content includes content of the first content type. As discussed above, Kato does not disclose or suggest a computer executable that performs a first function if a file includes a first content type. For at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, claim 14 as well as claims 15-26, which depend from claim 14, are in condition for allowance.

New Claims

Dependent claims 27-31 are added. Claims 27-31 are allowable for the same reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 14.

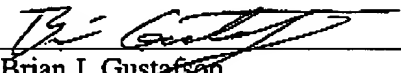
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Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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